UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY



SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

2006-2015

THIS DOCUMENT, COMPILED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY, CATALOGS SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL ABROAD FROM **2006-2015**.

Some attacks may not be included because, in certain cases, the motivation of the attacker could not be determined. In other cases, violence against individuals may not have been reported through official channels.

This information is not an all-inclusive compilation; rather, it is a reasonably comprehensive listing of significant attacks.

Incidents where U.S. diplomats or U.S. diplomatic interests apparently were not targeted due to nationality are indicated with an asterisk (*) in front of the date.

Also note that while every effort has been made to use accurate place names, in some instances the names of geographic regions may have changed over time due to historical events.

SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

CONTENTS

2015 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

***January 13, 2015 – Dhaka, Bangladesh:** Protesters threw bricks, stones, and what appeared to be a flammable liquid at a U.S. Embassy vehicle. The driver was able to return safely to the embassy. The vehicle sustained minor damage, but the occupants were not injured. It is believed that this incident was a random attack related to recent political and civil unrest.



Green window glass lies shattered on the patio after a grenade attack, January 18, 2015, at a U.S. Embassy residence in Dili. (U.S. Department of State photo)

January 18, 2015 – Dili, Timor-Leste: A hand grenade was thrown over the wall of a U.S. Embassy residential property and exploded in front of the house, damaging windows and a car. No one was hurt.

***January 18, 2015 – Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo:** A U.S. Embassy vehicle transporting two U.S. congressional staffers to their hotel was hit by pedestrians throwing rocks. One window shattered completely and another sustained a hole. The driver sped away and the staffers were not injured. There is no evidence to suggest that the U.S. vehicle or personnel were specifically targeted, and the incident may have been related to political unrest due to upcoming elections.

***January 19, 2015 – Sana'a, Yemen:** A mortar or rocket round exploded on the road in front of the U.S. Embassy.

January 19, 2015 – Sana'a, Yemen: Houthi rebels opened fire on two U.S. Embassy Quick Reaction Force (QRF) vehicles dispatched to assist locally employed embassy staffers detained at a rebel checkpoint. One of the QFR vehicles was hit by an additional 10 to 15 rounds of fire during a brief engine failure. No embassy personnel were injured.

January 20, 2015 – Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo: Protesters threw rocks at a U.S. Embassy vehicle while its occupants were checking routes to the airport. Two windows of the vehicle were damaged. No embassy personnel were injured.

***January 26, 2015 – Manama, Bahrain:** A group of young boys attempted to throw a Molotov cocktail at a U.S. Embassy employee's vehicle as it drove by. It is not clear why the vehicle was targeted, but the driver stated it was the only vehicle in sight. The Molotov cocktail missed the vehicle and landed in the road. The driver was able to avoid it and exit the area safely.

***February 5, 2015 – Dhaka, Bangladesh:** Two or three small explosive devices were hurled onto one of the major thoroughfares in the diplomatic enclave. One device struck the personal vehicle of a U.S. Embassy officer while it was stopped in traffic. No one was hurt, but the roof of the vehicle was scorched and dented.

March 5, 2015 – Seoul, South Korea: A pro-North Korean activist wielding a knife attacked the U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea during an event at the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts. The assailant shouted "No war! The two Koreas should be unified" as he attacked the Ambassador, who suffered lacerations to his face, hand, wrist, and leg. The ambassador was taken to a local hospital. The attacker was arrested, subsequently tried and convicted, and sentenced to 12 years in prison.





Emergency workers gather outside the U.S. Consulate in Erbil, Iraq, after a car bomb exploded April 17, 2015. (AP/Wide World Photos)

A man talks on his cell phone as he observes the aftermath of a large car bomb that exploded April 17, 2015, next to the U.S. Consulate General in Erbil, Iraq. (AP/Wide World Photos)



April 17, 2015 – Erbil, Iraq: A vehicle laden with explosives detonated outside the U.S. Consulate General, killing two Turkish nationals and injuring 11 others, including a U.S. citizen, a local guard, and three Iraqi security officers who were posted outside the diplomatic mission. While responding to the attack, a U.S. contractor and an assistant regional security officer also were injured. Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant claimed responsibility for the attack.

***May 20, 2015 – Bujumbura, Burundi:** A guard shack outside the residence of the U.S. deputy chief of mission was struck by gunfire. There is no evidence that the residence was specifically targeted.

July 27, 2015 – Kampala, Uganda: A small group of demonstrators attempted to rush past police and members of the U.S. Embassy's local guard force to enter the diplomatic mission. The local guards and police removed the protesters from the embassy. One local guard suffered minor injuries.

August 10, 2015 – Istanbul, Turkey: Two women approached the U.S. Consulate General, and one of them opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle on a Turkish police booth outside the diplomatic mission. Two of the rounds struck the consulate's exterior and sliding gate, and two rounds hit the consulate compound wall. Police subsequently captured the shooter after wounding her in a gun battle. The shooter was identified as a member of the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front. The second individual eluded the police. No other injuries were reported, and damage to the building was minimal.

August 12 - Toronto, Canada: A man outside the U.S. Consulate General threw rocks at its windows and door and struck the building with a metal sign. When detained by police, the subject claimed that he committed these acts in retaliation for "the United States killing children and families" and acting "beyond the law." No one was injured in the incident, which caused minor property damage.

September 16, 2015 – Manila, Philippines: Approximately 30 protesters from the League of Filipino Students disguised as joggers slipped through a police cordon outside the U.S. Embassy and splashed red paint on the Great Seal of the United States mounted on the embassy compound wall near a vehicle entry point. Police arrested six protesters. There were no injuries and no attempt to access the compound.

***October 5, 2015 – Bujumbura, Burundi:** One round, believed to be from an AK-47 rifle, struck a kitchen wall inside a U.S. Embassy-leased residence. There is no evidence that the building was specifically targeted.

*** October 6, 2015 – Jerusalem:** Some 50 to 60 Israeli teenagers waving Israeli flags surrounded a taxi stopped at a red light that was transporting a U.S. Consulate General officer and spouse. The youths started yelling at the Arab taxi driver, rocked the taxi, and sought unsuccessfully to open the vehicle doors. Some members of the crowd reached into the open front window and assaulted the driver. The taxi drove away. The two Americans were not hurt, but the driver sustained a minor injury.

November 9, 2015 – Jordan: A Jordanian policeman opened fired on personnel at the Jordan International Police Training Center compound southeast of Amman, killing four individuals, including two U.S. government contract instructors, and injuring several others, including two additional U.S. contractors. Jordanian security services returned fire and killed the shooter.

December 9, 2015 – Bangui, Central African Republic:
An individual opened fire on a U.S. Embassy two-vehicle motorcade transporting eight passengers to the airport. One round struck a passenger-side window, causing minor damage. The motorcade was able to escape the attack site and continue to the airport without further incident. No one was hurt in the attack.



Philippine National Police clash with protesters throwing red paint at the Great Seal of the United States at the entrance to the U.S. Embassy in Manila, September 16, 2015. (AP/Wide World Photos)

***December 11, 2015 - Bujumbura, Burundi:** A round of small arms fire hit the roof of the U.S. chief of mission's residence following fighting throughout the city. There is no reason to believe the residence was targeted.

***December 21, 2015 – Bujumbura, Burundi:** A 7.62 mm round was found on the floor of the U.S. deputy chief of mission's residence after it struck a bedroom window. No one was injured in the incident and damage was minimal. The round was believed to have been fired 10 days earlier, during clashes between pro- and anti-government forces.

***December 29, 2015 – Bujumbura, Burundi:** An exterior building housing an electrical generator at the U.S. Embassy compound was struck by gunfire. There is no evidence that the facility was specifically targeted.





Protesters demonstrating against U.S. involvement in Ukraine's political affairs hang posters and deface the exterior of the Consular Affairs section at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, February 18, 2014. (U.S. Department of State photo)

February 18, 2014 – Kyiv, Ukraine: More than 400 demonstrators gathered outside the U.S. Embassy to protest U.S. involvement in Ukraine's political affairs. The protesters threw eggs as well as glass bottles and jars, some containing a red liquid, at the facility and hung signs on the front of the building. Some protesters ran up to the embassy fence line and began throwing eggs at embassy visitors being escorted through a rear exit. After about three and a half hours, the protesters departed the area. No embassy personnel were injured.

***February 23, 2014 – Manama, Bahrain:** Anti-government protesters throwing Molotov cocktails struck the personally owned vehicle of two U.S. Department of Defense personnel. It is believed that a Bahraini Ministry of Interior police vehicle traveling alongside the DOD personnel was the intended target, as it sustained extensive damage. The Americans' vehicle sustained minor damage, but neither individual was hurt.

*** February 25, 2014 – Tripoli, Libya:** Embassy security personnel returning to the U.S. Embassy compound noticed what appeared to be two bullet impacts on the right rear window of their official vehicle. No one was hurt in the incident, and there is no direct evidence that the vehicle was targeted because of its affiliation with the embassy.

***April 4, 2014 – Brussels, Belgium:** As some 30,000 labor union members passed the U.S. Embassy during a protest march, some protesters set off fireworks, lit flares, and threw rocks, bottles, and cans as they passed the facility. A federal police officer and two members of the embassy's local guard force suffered minor injuries, and two embassy vehicles sustained minor damage.



Protesters in Brussels hurl debris toward police during a trade union demonstration against European Union austerity measures, April 4, 2014. Some U.S. Embassy security personnel and a police officer were injured and two official vehicles were damaged as the protest moved past the diplomatic mission. (AP/Wide World Photos)



***April 28, 2014 – Baghdad, Iraq:** Multiple 7.62 mm rounds struck the U.S. Embassy compound's helicopter pad and containers at a nearby storage compound. No one was injured, and damage was minimal.

***May 20, 2014 – Sana'a, Yemen:** During a firefight between local Yemeni tribesmen and host-government security forces, a stray round hit a U.S. Marine Security Force rooftop observation post at the Diplomatic Transit Facility-Sana'a (a secured residential facility for U.S. diplomats). The round struck ballistic-resistant glass on the side of the observation post, causing minor damage. No embassy personnel were injured.

May 28, 2014 – Herat, Afghanistan: Unidentified insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a three-vehicle U.S. Consulate convoy as it traveled to the International Security Assistance Force's Camp Arena. The rocket penetrated the back and exited through the left side of one of the convoy vehicles, injuring two American security contractors. The convoy was able to continue to Camp Arena, where the victims received medical treatment.



A rocket-propelled grenade struck this U.S. Consulate vehicle in an attack on May 28, 2014, near Herat, Afghanistan, injuring two U.S. security contract personnel. (U.S. Department of State photo)



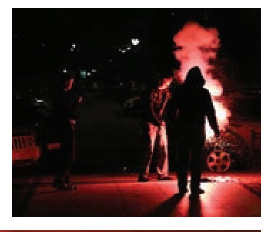
June 30, 2014 – Vladivostok, Russia: A pedestrian outside the U.S. Consulate General threw a rock at two of the consulate's vehicles. When a police officer approached the subject, who appeared intoxicated, the man threw a second rock at one of the vehicles, causing minor damage to the rear panel. The officer arrested the subject, who made numerous anti-American comments, including several related to events in Ukraine.

***July 3, 2014 – Baghdad, Iraq:** Small-arms fire hit on and near the U.S. Embassy compound. No one was injured, and property damage was minimal.

July 4, 2014 – St. Petersburg, Russia: Four individuals threw smoke bombs and set a U.S. flag on fire in front of the U.S. Consulate General. Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs officers posted at the diplomatic mission detained one of the individuals, but the other three fled. No damage or injuries were reported.



Anti-U.S. protesters set fire to a U.S. flag outside the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 4, 2014. (U.S. Department of State photo)







Bystanders view the damage after protesters attacked an outdoor event in Diyarbakir, Turkey, that was to be attended by a U.S. delegation, July 15, 2014. (U.S. Department of State photo)



July 15, 2014 – Diyarbakir, Turkey: A group of 200 to 300 people burned an American flag, chanted anti-American and anti-Israeli slogans, and vandalized and destroyed tents set up for an Iftar dinner that was to be attended by a U.S. Consulate delegation. Approximately half a dozen local workers setting up the event were injured.

July 19, 2014 – Adana, Turkey: Approximately 250 individuals gathered outside the U.S. Consulate to protest ongoing Israeli-Hamas hostilities in Gaza. Some 30 of the protesters knocked down a barrier in front of the building and threw rocks and bottles over the compound wall. Police pushed the group back to the original protest area. No U.S. personnel were injured, but two Turkish policemen received minor injuries. The front of the Consulate and exterior police booths suffered minor damage.

***July 20, 2014 – Tripoli, Libya:** The U.S. Embassy Annex compound was hit by small-arms fire and one rocket or mortar round. No one was injured, and minimal damage was reported. It is believed the building was not specifically targeted, but rather the incident was the result of continued fighting between opposing militia groups.

July 20 to 21, 2014 – Adana, Turkey: An estimated 1,000 demonstrators threw rocks over the wall of the U.S. Consulate compound, striking the building and causing minor damage to a mission vehicle before continuing on to the Incirlik Air Base. No U.S. personnel were injured.



Protesters deface U.S. and Israeli flags outside the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul, Turkey on July 23, 2014. (U.S. Department of State photo)



July 23, 2014 – Istanbul, Turkey: Approximately 100 individuals from the nongovernmental organization Ozgur-Der protested at the U.S. Consulate General. Participants chanted anti-American and anti-Israeli slogans, burned American and Israeli flags, and spray painted a derogatory statement on the compound's perimeter wall.

August 14, 2014 – Athens, Greece: Police arrested an individual after he threw a brick at glass partitions at the main entrance to the U.S. Embassy, causing significant damage to one of them. During questioning, he stated that he "had been planning to do this for a long time and was fed up with all the damage the Americans have done to others." No one was hurt in the incident.

***August 31, 2014 – Islamabad, Pakistan:** While returning to the U.S. Embassy, an unmarked embassy vehicle was hit with stones by several protesters who had strayed from a nearby protest site. There is no reason to believe the U.S. vehicle or personnel were specifically targeted. The vehicle received only minor damage.

***August 31, 2014 – Baghdad, Iraq:** A U.S. soldier on the U.S. Embassy compound was slightly injured when an unknown projectile grazed his left arm.

***September 2, 2014 – Baghdad, Iraq:** A high-speed projectile believed to be small-arms fire struck the ground behind two U.S. civilian contractors walking on the U.S. Embassy compound. No one was injured, and no property was damaged.

***September 4, 2014 – Ghazni City, Afghanistan:** Unidentified militants detonated two powerful truck bombs at the compound housing the National Directorate of Security headquarters and General Department of Police Special Unit and fought a gun battle with government forces inside. The attack left 16 Afghan security personnel, two civilians, and more than a dozen assailants dead, and at least 202 Afghans injured. In addition to the security directorate compound, the explosions almost completely destroyed the nearby Lincoln Learning Center, a partnership between the U.S. Embassy and Afghan institutions that provided the Afghan public with access to current and reliable information about the United States.

September 21, 2014 – Tumaco, Colombia: Gas cylinders packed with explosives were launched at a Colombian police airbase housing U.S. government-owned, Colombian-operated helicopters used in coca-plant eradication operations. Two Colombian policemen suffered non-life-threatening injuries, and four helicopters, the hangar, and office facilities were damaged.

***September 29, 2014 – Kabul, Afghanistan:** A suicide bomber targeted National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel gathered near the traffic circle at the main entrance to Kabul International Airport. The explosion killed four NDS personnel and some Afghan civilians, including a locally hired U.S. Embassy employee, and wounded eight Afghan civilians.

Security personnel review the scene of a September 4, 2014, dual-vehicle suicide bombing and gun attack in Ghazni, Afghanistan, that left Afghan government security buildings and a nearby U.S. cultural center severely damaged. (AP/Wide World Photos)





Colombian soldiers patrol the area outside a police airbase on September 22, 2014, one day after an attack on U.S.-government-owned aircraft used in a drug-eradication program. (Colombian Army photo)

October 4, 2014 – Kyiv, Ukraine: During a conversation at a local grocery store, a U.S. official was asked if he was American. The U.S. official answered in the affirmative. As the American was walking home, a vehicle pulled up alongside him and three men jumped out and physically assaulted him with their fists. The men got back in the car and fled the scene. The American sustained several non-life-threatening injuries.

October 21, 2014 – Baghdad, Iraq: Three 107 mm rockets were fired in the direction of the U.S. Embassy. One rocket struck a wall of the embassy compound. Two other rockets flew over the compound. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the Embassy wall.

***November 17, 2014 – Mogadishu, Somalia:** A Somali-American dual-national citizen working as a contractor for a U.S. Agency for International Development-funded project was shot and killed in what may have been a targeted killing.

November 18, 2014 – Bogota, Colombia: Three individuals who were part of an ongoing protest across the street from the U.S. Embassy walked to the facility's vehicle-inspection area. Two of the men chained themselves to one of the metal poles holding up a permanent canopy. Shortly afterwards, Colombian National Police officers arrived and attempted to cut the chains off. During a scuffle, the third protester punched the embassy's assistant regional security officer, who suffered a bruise to his right cheek and neck. Police officers subdued all three individuals.

November 19, 2014 – Bogota, Colombia: A protester from the ongoing protest across the street from the U.S. Embassy attempted to chain himself to the vehicle gate with a steel chain and lock. Members of the embassy's local guard force and Colombian National Police officers escorted the protester away from the embassy grounds. The protester subsequently struck a police officer in the face with the steel chain and attempted to remove the officer's handgun from its holster. Police arrested him.

November 26, 2014 – Sana'a, Yemen: A lone gunman armed with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on the U.S. Embassy compound, killing a member of the Yemeni Special Security Forces guarding the compound. The gunman was shot and killed by Yemeni security officers. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

***December 1, 2014 – Wajir City, Kenya:** Five locally hired staff from the U.S. Embassy conducting on-site planning for the U.S. ambassador's visit to Wajir City were dining at the Ngamia Hotel when armed gunmen attacked a night club and police station located 800 meters away. Upon hearing two loud explosions and small-arms fire, the embassy personnel fled the hotel, narrowly escaping serious injury. One of the staff members received minor lacerations. Three people were killed and 13 others injured in the attack, which was believed to have been launched by the al-Shabaab terrorist group.

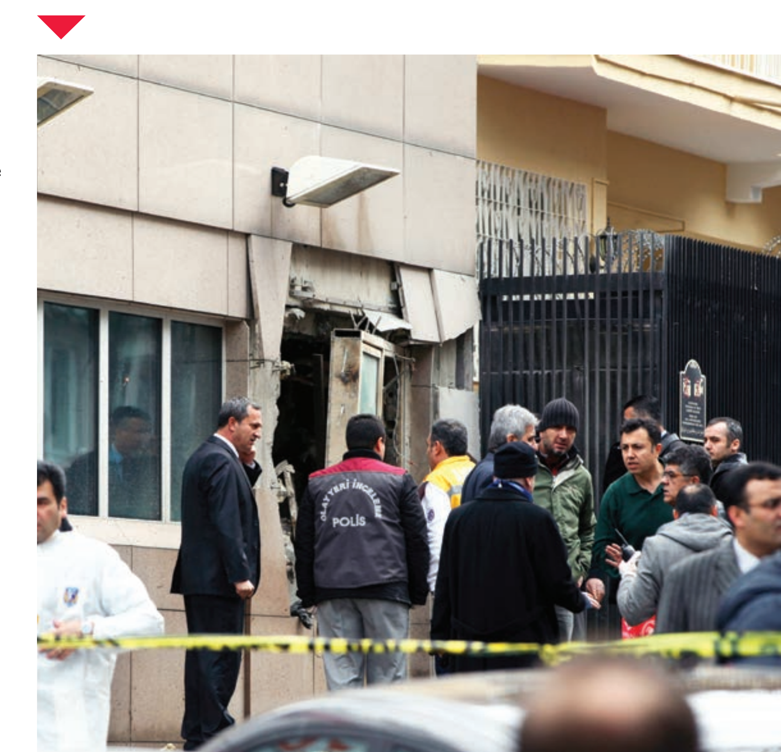
***December 24, 2014 – Kaduna, Nigeria:** At a military checkpoint in Kaduna, soldiers demanded to see diplomatic identification from the passengers in a two-vehicle, U.S. Embassy motorcade. When a soldier tried to snatch the ID card from one of the passengers, an embassy locally employed staff (LES) investigator tried to intervene. The soldiers then escorted the LES investigator to the rear of a nearby building and assaulted him, leaving him with injuries to his leg and face. The group was able to contact a Nigerian Army officer in charge of the area who resolved the issue.

2013 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 25, 2013 – Manila, Philippines: Opponents of the Visiting Forces Agreement protested outside the U.S. Embassy, throwing red paint that landed on the seal and splattering several journalists and police officers.

January 28, 2013 – Manila, Philippines: Protesters waving placards reading, "Stop U.S. Intervention," gathered across from the consular section of the U.S. Embassy, throwing plastic bags filled with paint, defacing the embassy seal.

February 1, 2013 – Ankara, Turkey: A suicide bomber entered the U.S. Embassy and when questioned by a member of the Local Guard Force, detonated a bomb concealed beneath his clothing, killing the bomber and the guard. The Turkish Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front claimed responsibility.



Emergency personnel examine the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, after a suspected suicide bomber detonated an explosive device. (AP/Wide World Photos)

March 11, 2013 – Kabul, Afghanistan: Two helicopters, supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, came under small-arms fire. There were no injuries and both aircraft returned safely to their bases.

March 21, 2013 – Baghdad, Iraq: Three rockets were fired at the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center, with no injuries and only minimal property damage.

April 6, 2013 – Qalat City, Zabul Province, Afghanistan: A suicide-vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, and a separate improvised explosive device, targeted a provincial reconstruction team, killing a U.S. Embassy officer, a U.S. Department of Defense-contracted interpreter, and three U.S. military personnel. Eight members of the U.S. military were wounded in the blast, as were four Department of State personnel.

April 10, 2013 – Baghdad, Iraq: Rockets struck outside the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center, slightly injuring an American worker, and lightly damaging the building.

June 10, 2013 – Kabul, Afghanistan: An unidentified number of Taliban insurgents, equipped with small-arms and rocket-propelled grenades, attacked the Coalition Forces compound at Kabul Airport. No Chief of Mission personnel were killed or injured during the attack.

June 25, 2013 – Kabul, Afghanistan: Suicide insurgents initiated a failed attack on the U.S. Embassy, engaging Afghan security forces and Local Guard Force personnel in a firefight. All eight insurgents, along with seven members of the Afghan security force, were killed.

June 27, 2013 – Pristina, Kosovo: Protesters tried to prevent the U.S. ambassador, a political officer, and the Regional Security Officer (RSO) from observing a key vote at the Kosovo Assembly, slightly injuring the ambassador and striking the RSO.

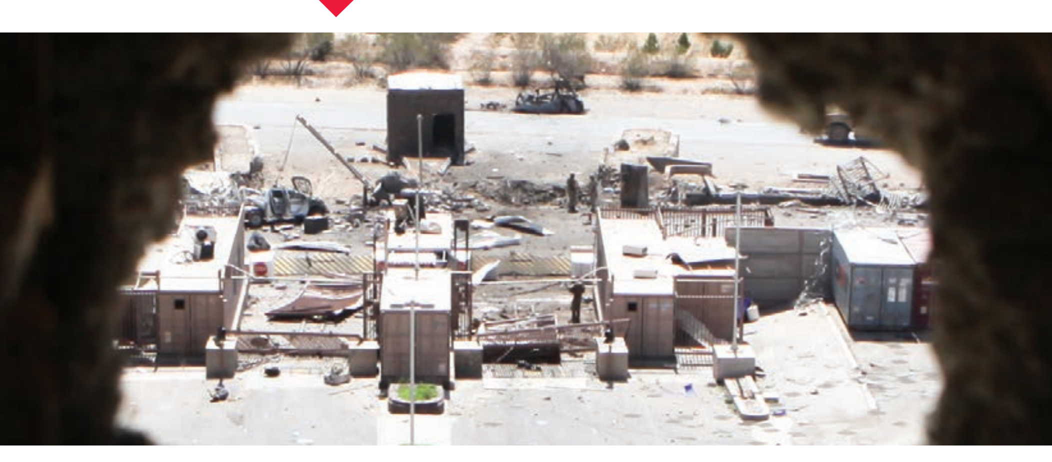
July 3, 2013 – Basrah, Iraq: Two bombs detonated at a popular tourist hotel, damaging the lobby and causing extensive damage to a U.S. Agency for International Development office in the building.

July 14, 2013 – Istanbul, Turkey: An angry mob attacked the motorcade of the U.S. Consul General with rocks, damaging the vehicle, but no injuries were reported.

July 21, 2013 – Lahore, Pakistan: Four hundred individuals demonstrating against desecration of Shi'a shrines in Syria used spray paint to write anti-American slogans on the barrier wall of the U.S. Consulate General.

September 6, 2013 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Protesters chanted anti-American rhetoric in front of the U.S. Consulate General, throwing red paint on the street and bollards of the consulate, causing minor damage.

September 13, 2013 – Herat, Afghanistan: Taliban-affiliated insurgents attacked the U.S. Consulate using truck-and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices and engaged U.S. and Afghan security personnel in a sustained firefight. Eight Afghan guard force members died and two additional third-country national guard force members were injured, but no Chief of Mission personnel were killed in the attack.



The view through a rocket-propelled grenade impact after Taliban-affiliated insurgents set off an initial vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at the U.S. Consulate in Herat. (U.S. Department of State photo)

September 27, 2013 – Caqueta Department, Colombia: Small-arms fire brought down a U.S.-titled aircraft supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, killing the American pilot.

October 1, 2013 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: An anarchist group infiltrated a demonstration by striking teachers in Rio de Janeiro, near the U.S. Consulate General, burning a large cone near the consulate waiting area and damaging one ballistic-resistant window in the consular section with stones.

October 7, 2013 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Anarchists again infiltrated a demonstration organized by striking Rio teachers, vandalizing several buildings in the area and causing slight damage to the U.S. Consulate General.

October 15, 2013 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: As part of another teachers' protest, anarchist groups engaged in widespread vandalism in the city center, targeting banks and businesses and damaging the U.S. Consulate General building.

October 18, 2013 – Porto Alegre, Brazil: A group of university students vandalized the U.S. Consular Agency.

October 19, 2013 – Putumayo Department, Colombia:
A Department of State U.S.-titled aerial eradication aircraft, owned and operated by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, sustained small-arms fire that penetrated the cockpit and struck the pilot. The American pilot was severely wounded, but landed the aircraft.

December 25, 2013 – Kabul, Afghanistan: Unidentified insurgents fired a 107 mm rocket at the U.S. Embassy that failed to detonate. Afghan security forces later found an additional rocket at the launching site. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

2012 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 1 to December 31 – Iraq: Unknown individuals targeted the U.S. Consulate in Kirkuk with indirect-fire attacks on 41 separate occasions; additional indirect-fire attacks were launched against other U.S. interests in Iraq.

***February 2, 2012 – Bamako, Mali:** Demonstrators attacked a U.S. Embassy vehicle with stones while the vehicle was en route to evacuate Mission dependents from a local school. A second embassy vehicle also was attacked in a different location. There were no injuries in either incident.

February 20, 2012 – Kandahar Province, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals attacked a U.S. Army convoy carrying one U.S. Embassy employee, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding two others.

March 2, 2012 – Aden, Yemen: A gunman fired three rounds into the side window of a U.S. Embassy vehicle. No one was hurt in the attack.

March 17, 2012 – Faryab Province, Afghanistan: Insurgents fired two rockets at the U.S. provincial reconstruction team compound. No injuries or damage were reported.

March 24, 2012 – Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan: An explosive device detonated against a vehicle outside an entry control point of the U.S. provincial reconstruction team compound, killing four Afghan National Police officers and one local national.

March 26, 2012 – Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan: An individual dressed in an Afghan National Army uniform killed two International Security Assistance Force soldiers and wounded another at the main entry control point of the U.S. provincial reconstruction team compound.

April 12, 2012 – Valley of the Apurimac, Ene, and Mantaro Rivers, Peru: Presumed members of Sendero Luminoso terrorist group fired on a U.S. government-owned helicopter, killing one Peruvian police officer and wounding the Peruvian crew chief.

April 15 to 16, 2012 – Kabul, Afghanistan: The U.S. Embassy compound sustained minor damage after heavily armed gunmen attacked several diplomatic missions and Afghan government buildings throughout the city.

April 16, 2012 – Ghor Province, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals attacked a U.S. provincial reconstruction team compound with small-arms fire but caused no injuries.

April 16, 2012 – Manila, Philippines: Protesters stole several letters from the sign at the U.S. Embassy front gate and threw paint onto the building.



A man defaces the U.S. Great Seal at the U.S. Embassy in Manila to protest an annual joint military exercise between U.S. and Philippine troops. (AP/Wide World Photos)

June 6, 2012 – Benghazi, Libya: An explosive device detonated outside the U.S. Special Mission, leaving a large hole in the perimeter wall but causing no injuries.

June 16, 2012 – Paktika Province, Afghanistan: Unknown gunmen opened fire on a U.S. Embassy helicopter, striking the aircraft and rupturing its fuel tank, but causing no injuries.

August 8, 2012 – Asadabad City, Afghanistan: Two suicide bombers detonated their explosives near U.S. provincial reconstruction team members walking near Forward Operating Base Fiaz, killing three U.S. service members and one USAID employee, and wounding nine U.S. soldiers, one U.S. diplomat, four local employees, and one Afghan National Army member.

September 3, 2012 – Peshawar, Pakistan: A suicide bomber in an explosives-laden vehicle attacked a U.S. Consulate General motorcade near the U.S. Consulate General's housing complex, injuring two U.S. officials, two locally employed staff drivers, a local police bodyguard, and several other policemen providing security for the motorcade.

September 8, 2012 – Zabul Province, Afghanistan: The U.S. provincial reconstruction team was targeted with two improvised explosive devices, but suffered no injuries.

September 10, 2012 – Baghdad, Iraq: Unknown individuals on the ground fired at a U.S. Embassy aircraft, but caused no damage to the aircraft and no injuries to those on board.

September 11, 2012 – Jerusalem: A "flash-bang" device was thrown at the front door of an official U.S. Consulate General residence, damaging an exterior door and hallway, but causing no injuries.

September 11 to 15, 2012 - Cairo, Egypt: Protesters overran U.S. Embassy perimeter defenses and entered the embassy compound. No Americans were injured in the violent demonstrations that continued for four days.

September 11 to 12, 2012 – Benghazi, Libya: Attackers used arson, small arms, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades, and mortars against the U.S. Special Mission, a mission annex, and U.S. personnel en route between both facilities, killing the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other U.S. government personnel, wounding two U.S. personnel and three Libyan contract guards, and destroying both facilities.



A man looks at documents at the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, after the attack that killed four U.S. government personnel. (AP/Wide World Photos)

September 12, 2012 – Tunis, Tunisia: Demonstrators, at the U.S. Embassy to protest inflammatory material posted on the Internet, threw stones at the compound's fence and tried to get to the embassy perimeter wall, before police secured the area.



Demonstrators storm the U.S. Embassy in Sana'a, Yemen, to protest inflammatory material posted on the Internet. (AP/Wide World Photos)

September 13, 2012 – Sana'a, Yemen: Protesters stormed the U.S. Embassy compound, looting property and setting several fires. No U.S. citizens were injured in the attack. Throughout the day, groups of protesters harassed the embassy and a hotel where embassy personnel were residing.

September 14, 2012 – Chennai, India: Protesters outside the U.S. Consulate General threw a Molotov cocktail, causing some damage but no injuries.





Thousands of protestors attacked the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, breaking windows, setting fire to the Consular Section entrance, and causing extensive damage. (U.S. Department of State Photos)

September 14, 2012 – Khartoum, Sudan: An angry mob threw rocks at the U.S. Embassy, cut the facility's local power supply, and used seized police equipment to battle the embassy's defenders, damaging more than 20 windows and destroying several security cameras.

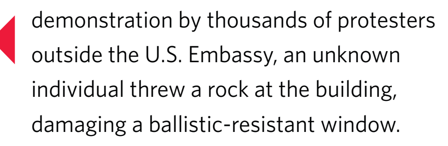
September 14, 2012 – Tunis, Tunisia: Protesters breached the U.S. Embassy wall and caused significant damage to the motor pool, outlying buildings, and the chancery. Separately, unknown assailants destroyed the interior of the American Cooperative School. No U.S. citizens were injured in either attack.

September 16, 2012 – Karachi, Pakistan: Protesters broke through police lines and threw rocks into the U.S. Consulate General perimeter, damaging some windows but causing no injuries.

September 17, 2012 – Jakarta, Indonesia: Demonstrators threw Molotov cocktails and other material at the U.S. Embassy to protest inflammatory material posted on the Internet, injuring 11 police officers and causing minor damage to the embassy.

September 18, 2012 – Beijing, China: Protesters surrounded the U.S. ambassador's vehicle and caused minor damage to the vehicle, but no injuries were reported.

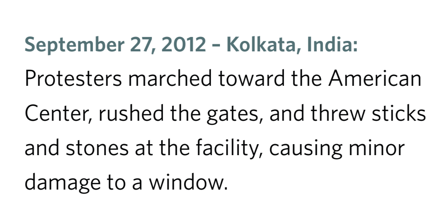
September 18, 2012 – Peshawar, Pakistan: Demonstrators outside the U.S. Consulate threw rocks and Molotov cocktails, and pulled down a billboard showing a U.S. flag.



September 23, 2012 – London, United Kingdom: During a demonstration by thousands of protesters outside the U.S. Embassy, an unknown individual threw a rock at the building, damaging a ballistic-resistant window.



A ballistic-resistant window at the U.S. Embassy in London was damaged when an unidentified individual threw a rock at the building as thousands of demonstrators protested outside the embassy against inflammatory content posted to the Internet. (U.S. Department of State photo)



September 27, 2012 – Kolkata, India: Protesters marched toward the American Center, rushed the gates, and threw sticks and stones at the facility, causing minor damage to a window.

October 1, 2012 – Kandahar Province, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals opened fire on the U.S. provincial reconstruction team facility with small-arms fire, but caused no injuries.

October 4, 2012 – Kandahar Province, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals targeted the U.S. provincial reconstruction team with small-arms fire, but caused no injuries.

October 11, 2012 – Sana'a, Yemen: The U.S. Embassy's senior foreign service national investigator was shot and killed in his vehicle by gunmen on a motorcycle. The terrorist group Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attack.

October 13, 2012 – Kandahar Province, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonated a suicide vest as a delegation of U.S. and Afghan officials arrived for a meeting, killing two U.S. citizens and five Afghan officials.

October 29, 2012 – Tunis, Tunisia: Two men in a car harassed and threw a can at a U.S. military officer assigned to the Embassy who was driving a vehicle with diplomatic license plates. The officer was not injured in the incident.

November 4, 2012 – Farah, Afghanistan: An unknown individual attacked the U.S. provincial reconstruction team facility with a grenade but caused no injuries.

November 18, 2012 – Peshawar, Pakistan: Two mortar rounds exploded near U.S. Consulate General housing, injuring one local guard and damaging the consul general's residence with shrapnel.

November 21, 2012 – Jakarta, Indonesia: Demonstrators, protesting inflammatory material posted on the Internet, threw objects at the U.S. Embassy.

November 23, 2012 – Medan, Indonesia: Demonstrators at the American Presence Post damaged a vehicle gate in an attempt to gain access to the ground floor of the building.

November 23, 2012 – Peshawar, Pakistan: A round of indirect fire landed near a U.S. Consulate General residence but did not detonate and caused no injuries or damage.

November 29, 2012 – Skopje, Macedonia: A man threw a Molotov cocktail at the U.S. Embassy, but the device failed to reach the target. The man then got in his car and fled the scene, crashing his vehicle. He later told emergency responders he had tried to burn down the U.S. Embassy.

December 4, 2012 – Dhaka, Bangladesh: Demonstrators surrounded a U.S. Embassy vehicle on the road, attempted to set it afire, and threw rocks and bricks at it, shattering several windows and injuring the driver.

December 22, 2012 – Tunis, Tunisia: Protesters forced their way into the Ministry of Justice to confront a visiting delegation of U.S. government investigators. No one was hurt in the encounter, but photos of the U.S. investigators inside the Ministry of Justice were later posted on social media and other Internet sites.

2011 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 1 to December 31 – Iraq: Unknown individuals launched indirect-fire attacks against the U.S. Embassy on 35 separate occasions, as well as several additional indirect-fire attacks on U.S. interests elsewhere in Iraq.

January 4, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: Unknown individuals fired on members of a U.S. Embassy protective security advance team at the Ministry of Justice, but caused no injuries or damage.

January 11, 2011 – Sana'a, Yemen: An unknown individual threw a large rock at the vehicle carrying the U.S. deputy chief of mission, slightly damaging the vehicle but causing no injuries.

January 12, 2011 – Baghlan Province, Afghanistan: An unknown individual fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an armored USAID vehicle, injuring a U.S. Embassy driver.

February 2, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: An explosive device detonated as a U.S. military convoy escorting U.S. provincial reconstruction team members passed, but caused no injuries.

February 3, 2011 – Cairo, Egypt: Three separate groups of protesters attacked a U.S. Embassy shuttle van as it completed its route, causing damage to two windows but no injuries to the passengers.

February 3, 2011 – Cairo, Egypt: One small-arms round hit the north wall of the U.S. Embassy. There were no reported injuries.

February 20, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: Unknown individuals attacked a U.S. Embassy security advance team with small-arms fire, wounding an Iraqi police officer.

February 22, 2011 – Nagoya, Japan: An unknown individual broke a window of a minivan belonging to the U.S. principal officer, and placed on the back seat a small black plastic box with buttons that police believed was meant to resemble an explosive device. No one was hurt in the incident.

February 27, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: A U.S. Embassy protective security team member was injured when an unidentified projectile hit his motorcade.

February 28, 2011 – Karbala Province, Iraq: A roadside bomb exploded as a U.S. military convoy escorting members of the U.S. provincial reconstruction team passed. There were no injuries.

March 21, 2011 – Vina Del Mar, Chile: Hours before the arrival of President Barack Obama, a small explosive device detonated outside the U.S. Binational Center, causing minor damage but no injuries.

March 26, 2011 – Caracas, Venezuela: Protesters hit the U.S. Embassy with rocks, eggs, and paint during a demonstration and attacked two embassy officers, slightly injuring one.

A Diplomatic Security deputy regional security officer (seen through the window) and assistant regional security officer (right) check the vehicle identification number on an armored passenger van stolen from a U.S. Embassy Cairo parking lot and burned during massive civil unrest in the city. (U.S. Department of State photo)



March 28, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: An explosive device detonated as a U.S. Embassy security detail passed through an intersection, slightly damaging one of the vehicles.

April 3, 2011 - Basrah, Iraq: A U.S. military team escorting provincial reconstruction team members was hit by an improvised explosive device, but suffered no injuries.

May 1, 2011 – Tripoli, Libya: Members of the Libyan military opened fire on U.S. Embassy doors, windows, security cameras, and alarms, and set several of the buildings on fire. Several hundred demonstrators also stormed the embassy, looting and destroying the remaining U.S. government property and removing all embassy vehicles from the compound.



More than four months after U.S. Embassy Tripoli was attacked, news crews were allowed inside to see the damage. (AP/Wide World Photos)



Ballistic-resistant glass at the entrance to consular offices at U.S. Embassy Tripoli delayed a Libyan mob, but assailants eventually gained access to, ransacked, and burned buildings throughout the compound. (U.S. Department of State photo)

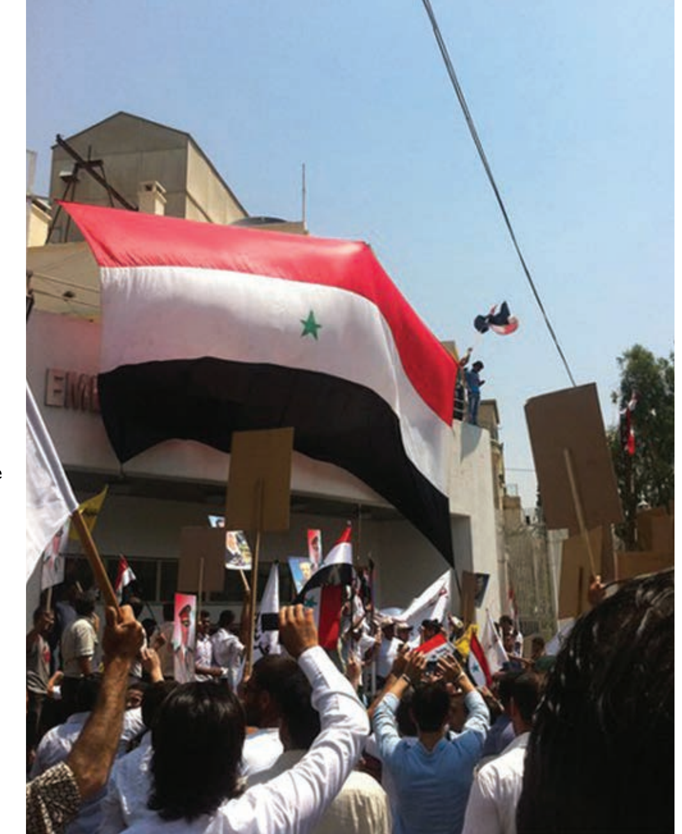
May 1, 2011 – Tripoli, Libya: Libyan military and security personnel looted the U.S. Embassy's warehouse as well as the residences of the ambassador and deputy chief of mission.

May 2, 2011 – Cairo, Egypt: An individual attempted to steal a weapon from a police officer outside the U.S. Embassy. He said he intended to take revenge for the death of Osama bin Laden by attacking a foreign mission.

May 20, 2011 – Peshawar, Pakistan: An explosives-laden vehicle detonated as a two-vehicle motorcade transporting U.S. Consulate General officers passed, injuring two of the passengers and heavily damaging one of the vehicles.

June 6, 2011 – Helmand Province, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals on the ground opened fire with small arms on a U.S. Embassy helicopter transporting a Drug Enforcement Administration team, hitting the aircraft and injuring one special agent.

June 6, 2011 - Basrah, Iraq: Three vehicles transporting a U.S. provincial reconstruction team were damaged by a blast from a roadside bomb, but no injuries were reported.



Demonstrators hang a Syrian flag at the entrance of the U.S. Embassy compound to protest against U.S. Ambassador Robert Ford's visit to the Syrian city of Hama. (AP/Wide World Photos)



July 8 to 11, 2011 - Damascus, Syria: Demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy threw eggs, rocks, and paint at the embassy compound, smashed ballistic-resistant glass windows, broke security cameras, and set fire to the embassy's roof before attacking the ambassador's residence, where they destroyed two armored vehicles and an unarmored box truck.

July 9, 2011 – Kabul, Afghanistan: An unknown gunman shot at a U.S. Embassy vehicle with small-arms fire, hitting the passenger side window but causing no injuries.

August 3, 2011 – Baghdad, Iraq: An explosive device detonated against a U.S. Embassy protective security team, injuring five persons and damaging one vehicle.

September 7, 2011 – Salah ad Din Province, Iraq: Unknown individuals threw two grenades at a convoy carrying members of a U.S. provincial reconstruction team, injuring one military member and damaging one vehicle.

September 13 to 14, 2011 – Kabul, Afghanistan: Heavily armed gunmen opened fire on the U.S. Embassy and the adjacent NATO-led International Security Assistance Force compound, injuring two U.S. servicemen whose vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. Additional attacks were conducted throughout the city, resulting in 16 Afghans killed and more than 30 others wounded.



Smoke rises behind the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, as terrorists fire on the embassy compound from a nearby building under construction in the Afghan capital. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

September 25, 2011 – Kabul, Afghanistan: An Afghan employee opened fire inside a U.S. Embassy Annex compound, killing one American and wounding three others before being shot and killed.

September 29, 2011 – Damascus, Syria: Protesters assaulted the U.S. ambassador and the political chief during a meeting with an opposition leader. A U.S. Embassy security team also was attacked when it tried to rescue the ambassador from the building in which he was taking shelter. No Americans were seriously injured, but an unarmored embassy vehicle and two armored vehicles sustained significant damage.

October 25, 2011 – Sana'a, Yemen: A man threw a hand grenade at a Yemeni soldier guarding the U.S. Embassy. The grenade did not detonate and the man was immediately apprehended.

October 28, 2011 – Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina: A gunman opened fire with a Kalashnikov rifle on the U.S. Embassy compound. Multiple rounds struck the embassy's ballistic-resistant windows and walls.

November 16, 2011 – Manila, Philippines: Protesters attacked a motorcade transporting the U.S. Secretary of State with paint, rocks, and kicks, causing slight damage to the vehicles but no injuries to U.S. personnel.

November 30, 2011 – Tallinn, Estonia: An unknown individual threw a Molotov cocktail at the U.S. Embassy, causing no injuries to U.S. personnel or damage to the mission.

***December 2, 2011 – Logar Province, Afghanistan:** A vehicle bomb exploded at the entry to Combat Outpost McClain, killing one Afghan and wounding 18 others, including one of two U.S. Embassy personnel present in the compound at the time of the attack.

December 16, 2011 – Kabul, Afghanistan: An unknown individual launched a grenade at a vehicle carrying two U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration contractors, injuring one of the individuals.



A man with an assault rifle fires at the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. (U.S. Department of State photo)

2010 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 1 to December 31 – Iraq: Unknown individuals targeted the U.S. Embassy and other U.S. interests in Iraq, in 50 reported incidents of indirect fire in 2010.

January 8, 2010 – Herat City, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals fired three rockets at a former hotel leased as the site of a planned U.S. Consulate, damaging the building but causing no injuries.

January 26, 2010 – Beijing, China: A motorist used his vehicle to block the movement of the U.S. ambassador's car while returning to the U.S. Embassy from an official off-site event. The harassment lasted for more than five minutes but caused no injuries or damage.

January 30, 2010 – Adana, Turkey: Two gunmen fired an AK-47 assault rifle toward the U.S. Consulate, hitting the consulate and a nearby police guard booth but causing no injuries.

April 5, 2010 – Peshawar, Pakistan: Three vehicle bombs detonated at the U.S. Consulate General, injuring several Pakistani security forces, locally hired security guards, a motor-pool driver, and a Consulate General officer.

April 21, 2010 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Protesters demonstrating outside a Bosnian government building adjacent to the U.S. Embassy turned violent, throwing rocks, torching a local guard booth outside the embassy compound, and injuring 20 police officers.

May 16, 2010 – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A teenage boy threw a Molotov cocktail under a water truck parked outside the walls of the embassy. The boy carried a note threatening possible future attacks.

July 22, 2010 – Baghdad, Iraq: Unknown individuals fired a rocket that struck a U.S. Embassy firing range, killing three embassy guards and injuring 15 fifteen others, including two U.S. Embassy contractors.

September 1, 2010 – Dasht E Qalah, Afghanistan: Insurgents fired on two U.S. Embassy helicopters supporting a Drug Enforcement Administration counter-narcotics mission, but caused no injuries or damage.

September 30, 2010 – Guayaquil, Ecuador: Demonstrators marching past the U.S. Consulate General shouting anti-American slogans, hurled large stones, and spray-painted graffiti, breaking several windows and slightly damaging the post's façade.

October 18, 2010 – Guangzhou, China: A man threw a lit bottle of paint thinner at the U.S. Consulate General exterior wall, setting that part of the wall and sidewalk afire, but causing no injuries or other damage.

December 15, 2010 – Sana'a, Yemen: An explosive device placed in the bed of a vehicle belonging to four U.S. Embassy employees detonated, but caused no injuries.



A Diplomatic Security regional security officer (second from left) examines the wreckage of a car bomb after a terrorist attack on the U.S. Consulate General in Peshawar, Pakistan. (AP/Wide World Photos)

2009 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 1 to December 31, 2009 – Iraq: More than 41 indirect-fire attacks were directed against U.S. interests, most notably the U.S. Embassy and Regional Embassy Office in al-Hillah.

January 3, 2009 – Athens, Greece: Protesters staging an anti-war demonstration at the U.S. Embassy burned U.S. flags and threw rocks at the building, breaking 20 embassy windows.

January 14, 2009 – Sana'a, Yemen: A gunman fired shots from a passing vehicle at the U.S. Embassy but caused no reported injuries or visible damage to the embassy.

***January 20, 2009 – Nicosia, Cyprus:** One of two boys who approached a U.S. Embassy employee on the street brandished a handgun and made threatening anti-American statements. The subjects departed, and the embassy employee was not hurt.

March 26, 2009 – Taji, Iraq: Unknown individuals launched grenades at a U.S. military-controlled motorcade transporting members of the U.S. Embassy provincial reconstruction team, injuring one soldier and damaging one vehicle.

March 31, 2009 – Hawija, Iraq: Two U.S. Embassy security team helicopters were attacked from the ground with an unidentified type of rocket, leaving metal shrapnel in the exterior of one of the aircraft.

April 7, 2009 – Naha, Japan: An assailant shouting anti-U.S. epithets assaulted the U.S. Consul General and another consulate employee while they were at a Starbucks located across the street from the consulate general. No one was hurt in the incident.

April 10, 2009 – Baghdad, Iraq: Approximately 10 rounds of small arms tracer fire was directed at an RSO helicopter during a training exercise near the U.S. Embassy compound. The helicopter was not hit and there were no reported injuries.

April 20, 2009 – Baqubah, Iraq: A suicide bomber detonated his explosive device against Coalition Forces and Department of State personnel at the office of the mayor of Baqubah, killing two U.S. Embassy locally employed staffers and injuring 13 others, including one American.

An Iraqi police officer inspects a car damaged in a suicide bomber attack in Baqubah, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. (AP/Wide World Photos)

May 25, 2009 – Fallujah, Iraq: A motorcade transporting U.S. Embassy Iraq Transition Assistance Office and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff was struck by an IED. Two Chief of Mission personnel and a U.S. Navy captain were killed and two members of the security detail were injured.

***July 12, 2009 – Saladin Province, Iraq:** A bomb blast at a government building injured a Department of State employee, seven Coalition Force members, and one Iraqi national serving as a Department of Defense interpreter.

July 12, 2009 – Nasiryah, Iraq: An explosive device detonated against a U.S. Embassy motorcade transporting the U.S. ambassador, slightly damaging two vehicles but causing no injuries.

September 4, 2009 – Port-au-Prince, Haiti: Protesters stoned a U.S. Embassy vehicle, causing minor damage to the vehicle but no injuries to its occupants.

September 9, 2009 – Port-au-Prince, Haiti: Unknown individuals hurled a stone at an armored U.S. Embassy van, causing minor damage to the vehicle but no injuries.

September 23, 2009 – Tegucigalpa, Honduras: Unknown individuals near the ambassador's residence threw stones at the ambassador's follow-car, but caused no damage or injuries.

***October 25, 2009 – Baghdad, Iraq:** Two suicide bombers detonated their explosives-laden vehicles outside the Ministry of Justice and the Baghdad Provincial Council building, killing 93 people and injuring more than 640, including five Department of State contractors.



Iraqis gather at the site of a multiple car-bomb attack at the Ministry of Justice in Baghdad. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

***October 26, 2009 – Badghis Province, Afghanistan:** Gunmen shot down a U.S. military helicopter with small arms fire, killing seven U.S. Army personnel and three U.S. Embassy-based Drug Enforcement Administration special agents.



A university student shoots a homemade mortar launcher, as tires burn near U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua, during a demonstration against the U.S. Embassy. (AP/Wide World Photos)

October 29, 2009 – Managua, Nicaragua: Demonstrators vandalized the U.S. Embassy for approximately four hours. Some attackers used improvised hand-held launchers to fire shrapnel and others threw bottles and rocks onto the embassy compound, damaging the building.

November 18, 2009 – Managua, Nicaragua: Protesters threw objects at the vehicle of a U.S. Embassy family member but caused no injuries or damage.

December 30, 2009 – Forward Operating Base Chapman, Khowst Province, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber killed five U.S. government employees and two U.S. contractors, and injured six other U.S. persons.

2008 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 1, 2008 – Khartoum, Sudan: Gunmen shot and killed an American USAID diplomat and a local USAID employee as they drove home in an unarmored vehicle with diplomatic license plates.

January 15, 2008 – Beirut, Lebanon: A car bomb exploded as a U.S. Embassy vehicle passed, killing four persons and injuring 40 others, including two embassy locally employed staff members and a U.S. tourist.

February 17, 2008 – Belgrade, Serbia: Demonstrators protesting U.S. diplomatic recognition of Kosovo's independence threw rocks, trash cans, flares, bottles, and other objects at the U.S. Embassy's façade, breaking windows and doors.

February 21, 2008 – Banja Luka, Bosnia: Demonstrators threw rocks at the U.S. Embassy Branch Office, causing minimal damage.

February 21, 2008 – Belgrade, Serbia: Protesters broke into the U.S. Embassy, setting a fire and causing extensive property damage. One Serbian protester was found dead inside the embassy.



The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, burns after masked attackers broke into the building and set it on fire during a protest against Western-backed Kosovo independence. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

February 23, 2008 – Baghdad, Iraq: Two rockets damaged four U.S. Embassy helicopters.

March 5, 2008 – Baghdad, Iraq: Gunmen on the ground fired on U.S. Embassy helicopters providing reconnaissance and escort service for a joint Embassy/military protective security detail. The helicopters were not hit.

March 15, 2008 – Islamabad, Pakistan: An unknown individual tossed a bomb over the wall of a restaurant where U.S. officials were dining, killing one person and wounding 12 people, including five U.S. officials.

March 18, 2008 – Sana'a, Yemen: Unknown individuals launched four mortars against the U.S. Embassy compound, injuring several Yemeni soldiers.

March 22 to 31, 2008 – Baghdad, Iraq: Unidentified individuals launched 42 separate indirect fire attacks against the International Zone, killing two U.S. Embassy personnel and one local national, injuring 15 U.S. citizens, six third-country nationals, and 12 local nationals, and damaging several facilities, vehicles, and aircraft.

April 6, 2008 – Sana'a, Yemen: Unknown individuals fired three mortar rounds at a residential compound where many U.S. Embassy employees lived, causing slight damage to buildings but no reported injuries.

April 7 to 10, 2008 – Port-au-Prince, Haiti: Protesters threw rocks at the U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince's Consular Section and Public Diplomacy building.

April 10, 2008 – Sana'a, Yemen: One of two explosive devices detonated near a residential complex where many U.S. Embassy employees lived, but caused no casualties.

April 21, 2008 – Kirkuk, Iraq: A roadside bomb detonated as a U.S. Embassy motorcade passed, damaging a vehicle.

April 23, 2008 – al-Hillah, Iraq: A roadside bomb detonated in front of a U.S. Embassy security vehicle, rendering the vehicle inoperative. The vehicle occupants were safely returned to the Regional Security Office.

May 26, 2008 – Baghdad, Iraq: A U.S. Embassy motorcade was hit by a roadside bomb, destroying one vehicle but causing no injuries.

June 10, 2008 – La Paz, Bolivia: Protesters marched on the U.S. Embassy, pelted police with rocks and sticks, lobbed fireworks and dynamite over the wall of the embassy, and attempted to break through the security forces protecting the facility. There was no damage or reported injuries.

June 18, 2008 – Nabatiye, Lebanon: More than 100 individuals attacked the motorcade of the U.S. charge d'affaires with sticks and stones, slightly injuring two U.S. Embassy security personnel and damaging several vehicles.

June 24, 2008 – Baghdad, Iraq: An explosive device detonated inside a government building where members of a U.S. provincial reconstruction team had arrived for a meeting, killing four U.S. citizens and a third-country national, and injuring a U.S. military officer and an Iraqi army officer.

July 7, 2008 – Mosul, Iraq: A 30-vehicle convoy, consisting mainly of Coalition Forces and U.S. contractor vehicles, was hit by an improvised explosive device, killing two U.S. contractors and a Bosnian civilian, and injuring seven U.S. contractors and two Bosnian civilians.

July 8, 2008 – Prague, Czech Republic: An unknown individual pelted U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's motorcade with eggs. No one was injured.

July 9, 2008 – Istanbul, Turkey: Three gunmen attacked the U.S. Consulate General, killing three Turkish National Police officers providing security, before being killed by security forces.

July 14, 2008 – Naha, Japan: An unknown individual riding a motorcycle threw a Molotov cocktail over the wall of the U.S. Consulate General, causing no injuries or damage.

August 26, 2008 – Peshawar, Pakistan: Gunmen opened fire on a vehicle carrying the U.S. Consulate General's principal officer to work. She and her driver escaped injury when the driver drove the vehicle in reverse, to the safety of the officer's residence nearby.

August 28, 2008 – Basrah, Iraq: One of two rockets fired at Basrah Air Station penetrated the overhead cover of the U.S. Regional Embassy Office located at the station, and passed through two trailers before embedding in the ground. No injuries were reported.

September 17, 2008 – Sana'a, Yemen: Gunmen wearing Ministry of Interior uniforms and explosive vests attacked the U.S. Embassy and detonated their explosive vests, killing 18 persons, including one American.



Yemeni security forces secure the site after a suicide bombing against the U.S. Embassy in Yemen's capital. (U.S. Department of State photo)

October 11, 2008 – Monterrey, Mexico: Two unknown assailants fired six to ten shots and tossed a hand grenade, which did not detonate, at the U.S. Consulate General. No injuries or significant damage were reported.

December 26, 2008 – Herat Province, Afghanistan: An explosive device detonated near a two-vehicle U.S. Embassy motorcade, injuring one American and a third-country national Embassy worker, and badly damaging their vehicle.

2007 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 9, 2007 – Vicenza, Italy: While the U.S. ambassador and Milan consul general were in a meeting at Vicenza's Town Hall, approximately 35 demonstrators began to kick, punch, and scratch the ambassador's vehicle before police moved the demonstrators away from the vehicle.



U.S. Ambassador to Greece Charles Ries makes a statement to the press at the U.S. Embassy in Athens after a rocket struck the front of the building. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

January 12, 2007 – Athens, Greece: Assailants fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, causing slight damage to the building but no injuries.

January 12, 2007 – Logar Province, Afghanistan: Assailants attacked a four-vehicle convoy carrying U.S. security contractors with a suicide car bomb and small arms fire, wounding an American and two Afghans.

January 17, 2007 - Conakry, Guinea: During general strikes in the capital, two U.S. Embassy vehicles were hit by rocks and incurred minor damage.

January 23, 2007 – Baghdad, Iraq: Gunmen opened fire on a helicopter carrying a U.S. Embassy security team responding to an attack on a U.S. Embassy security detail on the ground, killing five security contractors.

***February 27, 2007 – Batticaloa, Sri Lanka:** Insurgents fired mortar rounds at a helicopter carrying 15 diplomats as it was landing, slightly injuring the Italian and U.S. ambassadors.

March 10, 2007 – Guatemala City, Guatemala: Protesters demonstrating against an upcoming visit by U.S. President George W. Bush burned three American flags and an effigy of the President, defaced the embassy perimeter wall with graffiti, and threw water bottles and spray-paint cans at the building.

March 19, 2007 – Kabul, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle against a U.S. Embassy vehicle, seriously injuring one American.



U.S. security personnel secure the scene of a suicide car-bomb attack near a three-vehicle U.S. Embassy convoy on in Kabul. (AP/Wide World Photos)

***March 22, 2007 – Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo:** During armed clashes between government and rebel forces, rebels fired small arms at the Joint Administrative Offices, causing minimal damage to the pedestrian compound access control building and equipment.

April 14, 2007 – Casablanca, Morocco: In two separate attacks, two suicide bombers detonated their explosive devices across the street from the U.S. Consulate General and in front of the Consulate General's public diplomacy facility and language center. Only the bombers were killed.

May 23, 2007 – Asuncion, Paraguay: Protesters outside the U.S. Embassy, chanting anti-American rhetoric, spray-painted anti-American graffiti on the embassy compound wall.

May, 25 2007 – Nepal: Young Communist League members stoned the vehicle of the U.S ambassador as he traveled in southeastern Nepal. No injuries were reported.

September 19, 2007 – Asuncion, Paraguay: Four bags of paint were tossed against the perimeter walls of the USAID compound, splattering paint on the walls.

October 26, 2007 – al-Hillah, Iraq: Assailants fired 17 mortar rounds at the U.S. Regional Embassy Office, wounding three civilians and damaging five nearby residences.

October 17, 2007 - La Paz, Bolivia: Protesters demonstrating at the U.S. Embassy threw rocks and fireworks over the embassy's outer perimeter walls and attempted to force their way onto the compound before Bolivian police regained control.

2006 SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

January 4, 2006 - Baghdad, Iraq: A U.S. Embassy motorcade was hit by an improvised explosive device, but suffered no injuries.

January 4, 2006 - Baghdad, Iraq: The lead vehicle of a U.S. Embassy motorcade was struck by an explosive device and caught fire. No injuries were reported.

January 20, 2006 – Quito, Ecuador: During the third day of student protests, angry mobs attacked three U.S. Embassy employees in separate incidents on their way home from the embassy.



Demonstrators try to pry the U.S. Great Seal from the gate of the U.S. Consulate General in Surabaya, Indonesia, as protests against the publication of cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammed spread throughout Asia. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

February 6, 2006 – Surabaya, Indonesia: Demonstrators protesting publication of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed pelted the U.S. Consulate General with rocks, bricks, and bottles, injuring several police.

February 19, 2006 – Jakarta, Indonesia: Demonstrators attacked the perimeter wall of the U.S. Embassy during a demonstration over the Prophet Mohammed cartoons controversy, throwing rocks and eggs, breaking windows, and damaging awnings and a fence in front of the perimeter wall.



Investigators examine the destruction caused by a bomb blast outside the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi. (AP/ Wide World Photos)

March 2, 2006 – Karachi, Pakistan: A suicide bomber exploded a vehicle filled with explosives outside the U.S. Consulate General as an armored Consulate General vehicle passed by, killing a U.S. diplomat and his driver.

March 15, 2006 – Baghdad, Iraq: A U.S. Embassy motorcade was attacked by a roadside bomb, disabling one vehicle but causing no injuries.

April 7, 2006 – Coche, Venezuela: Protesters pelted the U.S. ambassador's motorcade with eggs and fruit as he departed a local event.

April 19, 2006 - Baghdad, Iraq: Unknown individuals attacked a U.S. Embassy motorcade with an explosive device and small arms fire, injuring two U.S. Army personnel and two security contractors.

April 20, 2006 - Mosul, Iraq: A U.S. Embassy motorcade with a U.S. military escort was attacked by an improvised explosive device, injuring one soldier.

May 1, 2006 - Tirin Kot, Afghanistan: A car bomb struck a convoy carrying a U.S. Embassy officer and U.S. military personnel, injuring one U.S. soldier.

May 2, 2006 - Baghdad, Iraq: An explosive device detonated as a U.S. Embassy security team motorcade passed, injuring four security contractors and one Diplomatic Security Service special agent, and destroying one vehicle.

May 6, 2006 – Athens, Greece: Thousands of demonstrators threw Molotov cocktails and used slingshots to hurl stones and eggs at the U.S. Embassy building before police dispersed the crowd with tear gas, water cannons, and sound bombs.

May 19, 2006 - Herat, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden truck against a U.S. Embassy motorcade, killing a security contractor.

June 1, 2006 – Thessaloniki, Greece: Demonstrators protesting the Greek government's higher education reforms defaced the front of the commercial building housing the U.S. Consulate General with anti-American graffiti.

June 19, 2006 - Basrah, Iraq: Gunmen on motorcycles fired upon three local employees from the U.S. Regional Embassy Office. The workers returned fire and took refuge in a nearby residence until a Quick Reaction Force team evacuated them to safety.

July 18, 2006 - Basrah, Iraq: Three mortar rounds hit near the vicinity of the U.S. Regional Embassy Office front gate, wounding a security guard.

August 27, 2006 – al-Hillah, Iraq: Four or five mortar rounds were fired at the U.S. Regional Embassy Office Hillah, injuring two U.S. soldiers, one U.S. contract employee, and four local employees.

August 29, 2006 – Kabul, Afghanistan: Unknown individuals detonated a remote-controlled bomb against a U.S. Embassy vehicle, damaging the vehicle but causing no injuries.

September 8, 2006 – Kabul, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden car against a U.S. military convoy 50 meters east of the U.S. Embassy, killing two U.S. military personnel and a local staff member of the embassy, and injuring a third person.

U.S soldiers guard the site of a bomb blast near the U.S. Embassy in Kabul after a massive suicide car bomb struck a convoy of U.S. military vehicles. (AP/Wide World Photos)



September 10, 2006 – Baghdad, Iraq: Gunmen fired at a U.S. Embassy motorcade. No one was injured and the motorcade continued to its destination.

September 12, 2006 – al-Hillah, Iraq: An explosive device detonated against a three-vehicle U.S. Embassy motorcade, disabling one vehicle but causing no injuries.

September 12, 2006 – Damascus, Syria: Assailants attacked the U.S. Embassy with grenades, gunfire, and two explosives-laden vehicles, injuring one local guard.

December 5, 2006 – Sana'a, Yemen: A gunman opened fire outside the U.S. Embassy as he ran toward the embassy driveway. Host-nation security personnel returned fire, wounded the gunman, and took him into custody.

December 6, 2006 – Kandahar, Afghanistan: A suicide bomber killed two Americans and five Afghans outside the U.S. Protection and Investigation (USPI) compound.

Photo Credit: Shutterstock: Cover, page 1

SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL **2006 - 2015**





United States Department of State
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
Washington, D.C. 20522-2008

Revised November 2016
www.diplomaticsecurity.state.gov